

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for accessing prospectus data, comprising:
storing financial prospectus data on [[an]] at least one electronically readable media medium;
~~permanently~~ affixing the at least one electronically readable media medium to a printed financial prospectus, wherein the at least one electronically readable medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic strip, and an embedded computer chip; and
reading the data from the at least one electronically readable media medium using a suitable device.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining data to be stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the data in a summary format.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing the data in a standardized format.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data comprises at least one category of data, the method further comprising utilizing ~~more than one~~ a separate electronically readable media medium type of the at least one electronically readable medium for separate storage of each data categories category.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

encrypting the data prior to storing in the at least one electronically readable media medium; and
utilizing decryption computer software after reading for decryption of the data.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one electronically readable media medium is affixed to a cover of the printed financial prospectus.

8. (currently amended) A system for prospectus data management, comprising:

at least one electronically readable ~~media~~ medium that stores financial prospectus data, wherein the at least one electronically readable medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic strip, and an embedded computer chip;

a printed financial prospectus to which the at least one electronically readable media medium is permanently affixed; and

a suitable device that reads the data contained in the at least one electronically readable media medium.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium in a summary format.

10. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in the at least one electronically readable media medium in a standardized format.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein ~~different categories of the~~ the data comprises at least one category of data and each category of data ~~are~~ is stored in ~~more than one~~ a separate electronically readable ~~media~~ medium type.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the data is stored in an encrypted format prior to

storage in the at least one electronically readable ~~media~~
medium.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 8,
wherein the at least one electronically readable ~~media~~ medium is
affixed to a cover of the printed financial prospectus.

14. (currently amended) A printed prospectus,
comprising:

at least one page having printed financial data;
and

[[an]] at least one electronically readable ~~media~~
medium containing an electronically readable version of the
printed financial data, the at least one electronically readable
~~media~~ medium permanently affixed to a page of the printed
prospectus, wherein the at least one electronically readable
medium comprises at least one of an optical bar code, a magnetic
strip, and an embedded computer chip.

15. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the
at least one electronically readable medium to the printed
financial prospectus comprises printing the at least one optical
bar code on the printed financial prospectus.

16. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the
at least one electronically readable medium to the printed
financial prospectus comprises incorporating the at least one
magnetic strip into the printed financial prospectus.

17. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein affixing the
at least one electronically readable medium to the printed
financial prospectus comprises embedding the at least one
embedded computer chip into the printed financial prospectus.

18. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the financial
prospectus data is selected from the group consisting of
security information, classification information, consolidated
financial information, inventory information, dilution data,

asset information, debt information, past performance information, management salary information, tax information, underwriter compensation information, and operations data.

19. (new) The method of claim 3 wherein the summary format comprises selected portions of the financial prospectus data.

20. (new) The method of claim 4 further comprising writing the data stored in the standardized format to a database.